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Re: Application by Hitoshi AKIYAMA entitled  
"TREAD STRUCTURE WITH HIGH  
TRACTION AND LOW VIBRATION"  
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION  
Our Reference: Q94348

Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the subject application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ five (5) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1-5.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☒ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Form PCT/IB/308.
- ☒ First and Second Written Opinions.
- ☒ Response to First Written Opinion.

**Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents will be submitted at a later date.**

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In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is presumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by 35 U.S.C. §371(c) were supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if additional copies are required, the undersigned attorney will provide the same upon request.

**It is expressly requested that National Stage processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §371(f).**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>18</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>0</u>
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Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
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\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO as the ISA, but the ISR is submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fees of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.


Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-350,416	October 9, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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